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TO AMEMBASSY NIAMEY

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SUBJECT: GUY WELLS BLUES BAND

REF: NIAMEY 4211

FOR PAO FROM AMBASSADOR

1. AM PLEASED WE HAVE LANDED THIS BAND BUT DATES POSE SOME PROBLEMS. FIRST, IT IS TOO COOL IN LATE DECEMBER FOR OUTDOOR CONCERT AROUND POOL OR ELSEWHERE AT RESIDENCE AND LATTER TOO SMALL FOR INDOOR CONCERT. SECOND, ON EITHER 23RD OR 24TH, WITH DATE TO BE DETERMINED UPON OUR RETURN, WE PLAN HAVE TRADITIONAL EVENING GATHERING OF AMERICAN COMMUNITY AT RESIDENCE. HOPE BAND MEMBERS WILL JOIN US AS GUESTS.

2. HAVE DISCUSSED FOREGOING AND REFTTEL WITH CU/ARTS AND BEST ARRANGEMENT SEEMS TO BE TO HAVE (A) EVENING CONCERT AT CENTER OR MAISON DES JEUNES DEC. 22. CU POINTS OUT BAND WILL HAVE TRAVELLED ONLY SHORT DISTANCE THAT DAY AND SHOULD HAVE TIME TO GET READY FOR CONCERT; (B) MATINEE CONCERT DEC. 23.

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3. FYI. CU HAS NO OBJECTIONS TO TWO EVENTS SAME DAY, IF

THIS PROVES NECESSARY, PROVIDED THERE IS SUFFICIENT TIME
BETWEEN EVENTS TO HAVE SHORT REST AND MOVE AND SET UP
EQUIPMENT. KISSINGER

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